Abstract of the Disclosure

A datagram relaying apparatus includes a plurality of protocol terminating units, and a destination determining processor. The destination

5 determining processor includes a path selecting section which determines a transfer destination route for a stream of packets received from any of the protocol terminating units. The path selecting section determines whether or not transfer of the

10 received stream of packets to the transfer destination route is in an inhibition state, and selects another transfer destination route when the transfer of the packet to the transfer destination route is in the inhibition state.